



## Don't Let Michael Vick Benefit By Abusing Dogs

### Petition Update 1 (May 1, 2009)

In ISAR's original Petition we wrote that:

*It is once again time for caring individuals, not only in the United States but throughout the world, to strike a blow for animals in general and our canine friends in particular. And all it takes is one fleeting moment to add your name to our Petition.*

Michael Vick, former NFL quarterback, pleaded [guilty](#) to being the central figure in a dog fighting ring.

As Vick nears the end of his prison sentence and scheduled July 20, 2009 release, there has been talk of what he'll do when he's released. Will professional football welcome this criminal back? Can he recapture some of his lucrative product endorsements? How about an amends-making reality TV show? What about a radio talk-show?

ISAR has now learned that several employment opportunities for Dog Abuser Vick have arisen.

- NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell not only has not ruled out Vick's return to professional football, but he actually contemplates it. According to Goodell, "Michael did an egregious thing. He has paid a very significant price for that. If he's learned from that and is prepared to live a different life, I think the general public is forgiving on that when people are genuine and they show remorse and are prepared to live a different life."
- Displaying his profit-driven amorality, according to the *Orlando Sentinel* Jim Haslett, coach of a team in the new United Football League, is supposed to have said of Vick that "Obviously his values are a little

different than mine or yours probably, but as long as he does what he's supposed to do, I think he deserves a second chance. \* \* \* People will want to see him play. He was a great quarterback. He has a .700 percent winning record."

- Reuters news service has reported that "the incarcerated NFL star has talked to producers about launching an unscripted [reality] program. The proposed documentary series would follow Vick beginning July 20, the day of his scheduled release from federal custody, and show him trying to 'make amends for his past.' Sources said eager producers even visited the suspended Atlanta Falcons quarterback in prison in the hope of signing him. As a result, a few parties claim to have obtained rights to a Vick project. His attorneys did not return a call for comment, but they told a judge this month at a bankruptcy hearing that Vick has agreed to a "television documentary deal" that will pay him \$600,000."

Whether is any of these deals, or others, no matter how Vick tries to cash in on his criminal "celebrity," he must be stopped - *because every benefit Michael Vick obtains once he is released from prison will be derived not from his former football stardom, but from the publicity he received from his criminal abuse of dogs.*

ISAR is leading that fight!

The ISAR-drafted Petition is simple and to the point.

Each time ISAR learns that Vick has, or is about to, benefit from his criminal "celebrity," we'll send our "Stop Dog Abuser Michael Vick From Benefiting From His Crime" Petition to everyone who's trying to help him. We'll also send an email to all Petition signers informing them that we've done it.

We're starting to make a list, beginning with Roger Goodell and Jim Haslett.

Vick's sentence, a mere two years in prison, was insufficient punishment for his savage acts. ISAR's Petition is a grass roots effort to further punish Vick for his abominable conduct, and we vow to keep after him even after he has faded from public view (and the sooner the better).

We ask only two simple things from caring individuals and humane organizations around the world.

**Please sign our [Petition](#).**

**Please forward this ISAR Petition to everyone on your mailing list, and ask all recipients to do the same.**

ISAR hopes that within the next few weeks we'll receive at least 10,000 signatures so now that Vick is starting to cash in on his criminal "celebrity," we can send our Petition to every individual, company and other organization which might benefit him. The three mentioned above are merely the tip of what is going to be a very large iceberg.